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1. I WAS ABLE TO SEE ACTING FONMIN GETACHEW KIBRET FEB 22 AND TO DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE, EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER LATEST ACCUSATIONS OF US COMPLICITY IN ANTI-EPMG ACTIVITIES. GETACHEW REPEATED HIS USUAL ARGUMENT THAT, GIVEN UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY WHICH CIA HAS GAINED THROUGHOUT WORLD, IT WAS NATURAL THAT ETHIOPIANS IN PUBLIC GATHERINGS ALSO SHOULD EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER CIA ACTIVITIES. I EXPOSTULATED THAT IT WAS ONE THING TO TALK ABOUT ORGANIZATIONS IN GENERAL TERMS AND QUITE ANOTHER TO LINK CIA DIRECTLY WITH FORCES OPERATING AGAINST ETHIOPIAN GOVT. I AGAIN ASKED HIM TO PROVIDE US ANY EVIDENCE EPMG MIGHT HAVE TO DOCUMENT ITS ACCUSATIONS.

2. GETACHEW INDICATED THAT PMAC CHAIRMAN HAD REACTED FAVORABLY WHEN ADVISED OF MY INTENTION TO CALL ON HIM WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE. NOTING REFERENCE IN AIDE MEMOIRE TO MENGISTU'S
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FEB 4 SPEECH, HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT AIDE MEMOIRE WAS AN UNFORTUNATE HERALD OF SEELYE'S ARRIVAL, AND HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER THIS WOULD AFFECT CHAIRMAN'S ATTITUDE REGARDING COURTESY CALL. I POINTED OUT THAT MY REMARKS REFLECTED LONGSTANDING US CONCERN OVER ANTI-CIA REFERENCES AND THEIR POSSIBLY HARMFUL EFFECT ON SECURITY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

IN ETHIOPIA, AND THAT DELIVERY OF AIDE MEMOIRE AT
THIS TIME WAS COINCIDENTAL WITH, BUT UNRELATED TO,
SEELYE VISIT.
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